

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

July 10, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented certificates of achievement to the Soldotna High Future Problem Solving Team for placing first in the intermediate category of the International Future Problem Solving team competition. The Board presented a certificate of achievement to Kaitlin Vadla for her fourth place finish in the scenario writing competition. Galen Holt was not present but was recognized for his participation in the individual competition.

The Board presented certificates of achievement to the North Star Elementary Quest Team for placing first in the News Bowl 2000 competition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson announced that the District will give a technology presentation to the ADETC Committee on July 25 and that the presentation will be the foundation for future technology presentations. She reported that the District hosted the Alaska Staff Development Literacy Institute. She announced that the meeting for new administrators will be August 7 and that the first regular administrator meeting will be August 8. She announced that the Department of Education and Early Development will host a three-day task force to define educational adequacy. She reported that a new District web page has been designed to provide easier access to important information. She reported that due to the change in the reporting of school administrator salaries, the District spends 71.31 % on instruction and complies with state regulations.

1999-2000 Superintendent's Annual Report: Dr. Peterson presented the 1999-2000 Superintendent's Annual Report. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the Board goals.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2000.

2000-2001 Annual Agenda Guideline: The Board unanimously approved the 2000-2001 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items are presented to the School Board for approval.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Lisa Stroh, principal, Tustumena Elementary and Dave Morris, math, Susan B. English Elementary/High.

Tentative Nontenure Teaching Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Judy Graham, special education/emotionally handicapped, districtwide Special Services; Susan Nabholz, reading/math, Kenai Central High; Andrea Eggleston, art, Kenai Middle; Virginia Morgan, reading, Soldotna Middle; Teri Hoffman, Grades 5/6, Sterling Elementary; and Jaimee Coon, reading, Nikiski Middle/High.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Donna Barkman, technology/business instruction, Soldotna High; Sally Burns, (temporary) Title I reading teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; Gordon Pitzman, Spanish, Homer High; Sharon Fraley, special education/resource, Seward Elementary; and Lorraine Hibpshman, special education/Resource, Chapman Elementary.

Early Graduation Requests: The Board unanimously approved request from a Homer High student and a Ninilchik Elementary/High student to graduate at the end of the first semester, 2000-2001.

AR 6146.1, Eligibility to Graduate: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6146.1, Eligibility to Graduate. The revisions clarify the definitions and expectations of a student, a high school senior, and a "full time" student and the awarding of diplomas from the District.

AR 3310, Procurement: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 3310, Purchasing Procedures. The revisions address the use of procurement cards as a means for making District purchases.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2000-2001 school year for Sid M. Maurer, teacher, Kenai Middle.

Certified Diploma Committee Recommendations and Action Plans: The Board unanimously approved the Certified Diploma Committee and administration recommendations for activities during 2000-2001.

Revised 2000-2001 Calendar: The Board unanimously approved a revised calendar for the 2000-2001 school year. The revisions follow a recent decision by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to allow districts to substitute conference days for teacher inservice days provided the combined number of days for both conferences and inservice does not exceed 20 and the calendar contains a minimum of 170 days for student instruction.

Budget Transfer Request: The Board approved a transfer of \$257,000 from the Connections Program to reinstate activity travel and to transfer revenue from fund 375 (as necessary) for acquisitions in accordance with the approved technology plan and properly account for those purchases by location in the general fund.

Administrator Appointments: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Peter Swanson as principal of McNeil Canyon Elementary, Lori Manion as assistant principal of Kenai Middle, Sean Dusek as assistant principal of Soldotna High and Ken Halverson as principal of Tustumena Elementary.

2000-2001 BOArD goals: The Board unanimously approved six goals for accomplishment during the 2000-2001 school year as a result of the Board's June 6 planning session. The recommended goals are: 1) update the Strategic Plan; 2) continue to develop/implement KPBSD certified diploma criteria to include learning challenges for all levels of achievement; 3) improve internal and external communications; 4) improve school climate to assure student success; 5) use technology to increase opportunities for students and staff; and 6) develop a long-term plan for student activities.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 6146.3, Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements. The revision clarifies District policy related to the modification of graduation requirements for transfer students.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 7, 2000, 7:30 p. m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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