

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

July 9, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson announced that Mr. Patrick Hickey recently received his doctorate in business administration from the California Coast University. She welcomed Dr. Whiteley as the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. She reported that the Dr. Whiteley will be selecting a replacement for Mr. Mark Leal, Assessment Coordinator, who has taken a position with the Department of Education and Early Development. She reported that the District recently hosted two reading institutes (primary and intermediate) and an art institute and remarked at the changes in the participating students after their two-week program. Dr. Peterson announced that Mrs. Sammy Crawford has been appointed to the Alaska Democracy Project Task Force, which is a group of educators who will work on civics education throughout Alaska. Dr. Peterson reported that she has been appointed by the Governor to be the superintendent representative on the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. She presented a plaque from the President of the United States for outstanding achievement in environmental protection services to Mr. Eric Soderquist for his 1999 Caring for the Kenai project.

Site Council Report: Dr. Peterson presented site council reports from each school. She noted that in accordance with Board Policy 0420, schools are required to submit an end-of-the-year report reflecting activities throughout the year.

Lease Agreements Report: Dr. Hickey presented a report of current lease agreements between the District and the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area, Community Schools Programs, Kachemak Selo School, Razdolna School, Voznesenka School, and Boys and Girls Club.

Financial Report: Dr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2001.

Budget Transfer Report: Dr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 242 through 880 for various schools and departments within the District.

2001-2002 Annual Agenda Guideline: The Board unanimously approved the 2001-2002 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items are presented to the School Board.

AR1330, Use of School Facilities And Properties: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties. The revision states that firearms or other deadly or defensive weapons are not permitted in school facilities or on school property without the express written permission of the superintendent or designee. An exhibit page was included, and if completed and approved, would give permission to allow firearms in school facilities or on school property.

Tentative Nontenured Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Virginia Bucher, Migrant reading teacher, Homer area; Kenneth Hepner, generalist, Voznesenka School; Cindy Hurst, Grade 2, Soldotna Elementary; Teri Hoffman, Grades 5/6, Sterling Elementary; Jennifer Joy Jones, Title I teacher, Tustumena Elementary; Chris Lau, generalist, Spring Creek School; Stephanie Tazzell-Roberts, math/computers, Kenai Middle; and Jill Wilson, generalist, Homer Flex School.

Tentative Nontenured Teacher For Tenure: The Board unanimously approved Ann Heimbuch and Debra Womack, tentative nontenured teachers, for tenure.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 2001-2002 school year for Stephanie Cox, intermediate grades, Soldotna Elementary; Jill DuFloth, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary; Laurie Emerich, Grades K-3, Connections Program; Krista Etzwiler, reading (temporary), Voznesenka School; Matthew Faris, Grades 2/3 (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; Laura McIndoe, special education/emotional handicapped, Soldotna Middle; Linda

Pittman, special education, districtwide Special Services; Wendy Potton, math/technology, Nikiski Middle/High; Elaine Velsko, Title I teacher (temporary), Chapman School; Susan Whipp, generalist, Tebughna School; and Eric Willets, special education/resource, Skyview High.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 2000-2001 school year for Ron Becker, social studies and physical education, Soldotna High; Gretchen Becker, speech pathologist, districtwide Special Services; Dean Vincent, Grade 4, K-Beach Elementary; and Mark Leal, Director of Elementary Education/Curriculum and Assessment, Central Office.

Leave of Absence Request – Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request (support) for Holly Klier, School Secretary III, Soldotna Middle.

Budget Transfers: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Numbers 762 and 778 which respectively transfer \$10,000 and \$20,100 to cover the cost of contracted speech therapy services and psychological services; budget transfer Number 828 for \$10,044 to cover the purchase of computers to set up a computer lab at Aurora Borealis Charter School; budget transfer Number 841 for \$30,000 to purchase switches, routers and servers for the computer system to implement the District Technology Plan; budget transfer Number 865 for \$34,000 to purchase printers for the Connections Program and for \$10,400 to cover increased District legal fees; and budget transfer Number 868 for \$20,197 to purchase a centralized Dell server and tape drive unit for the Data Processing Department.

Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule: The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2001-2002 school year.

Teacher TerminationS: The Board unanimously approved the termination of two certified employees.

Student Expulsion: The Board approved the expulsion of a Soldotna Middle School student for a second violation of District Policy BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Contract Negotiations for RFP #CS-301: The Board unanimously approved a request for permission to initiate contract negotiations with Frontier Business Systems for copying services.

2001-2002 Board of Education Goals: The Board unanimously approved three goals for accomplishment during the 2001-2002 school year. The goals are 1) strengthen Board relations with staff; 2) review, refocus, and retrain in areas of existing School District operations; and 3) provide leadership for stable education funding.

KPBSD Superintendent Contract: The Board unanimously approved a three-year contract for Dr. Donna Peterson as Superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. An amendment was approved substituting the words “this contract” with the words “the fiscal year” in the second paragraph of item Number 15., Contract Termination.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 6, 2001, 7:30 p. m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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