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

December 5, 2005 – 7:00 p.m. Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Miss Leana Stickler, Nikiski Middle/High School student, with the Spirit of Youth Award Nomination Certificate for her participation in the World Changers Community Project.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Lori Manion, Nikiski North Star principal, along with several students recited the Character Counts pledge. The students presented the Six Pillars to the Character Counts Program. The pre-kindergarten students demonstrated school readiness skills by singing *Be a Good Friend Because* and *This Little Light of Mine*. Mrs. Chris Watkins, parent, gave a parent perspective of the pre-kindergarten program and expressed appreciation for the skills being taught and the location. Several students provided information about the NASA Explorer School Partnership Program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that she will be a guest speaker at the Nikiski Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday, December 8 at Fire Station 1. She cautioned that District Office services may be limited during the Holiday break. She announced that the grand opening of Seward Middle School will be Friday, January 6, at 7 p.m.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: Mr. Glen Szymoniak recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for Matthew Stineff, science teacher at Homer High School; Breanna Bloom, special education/intensive needs teacher at K-Beach Elementary; Paul D. Gutzler, special education resource teacher at Kenai Central High; Andrea H. Joachim, secondary generalist at Tebughna School; Donny P. Joachim, elementary generalist at Tebughna School.

SCHOOL CALENDARS: The Board unanimously approved a revised 2006-2007 school calendar and the proposed 2007-2008 calendar.

SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed Six-Year Plan and list of major maintenance and capital improvement projects through FY13.

FY06 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a revised FY06 general fund budget of \$88,982,642.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed changes and adoptions to Section 6000 of the Policy Manual.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 16, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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